

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 19-35. Please amend claims 1, 12, and 36 as follows:

1. (Amended) A particle comprising a triazole fungicide dispersed in a polymer matrix.
12. (Amended) A fungicidal composition comprising:
 - (a) a particle comprising a triazole fungicide dispersed in a polymer matrix, and
 - (b) an agricultural adjuvant.
36. (Amended) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of a fungal disease in a target plant wherein the method comprises contacting a plant cell, a plant tissue, or a seed with a particle wherein the particle comprises a triazole fungicide dispersed in a polymer matrix.

Please add new claims 46 - 51:

- 46. A particle according to claim 1, wherein the triazole fungicide is dispersed evenly throughout the polymer matrix.
47. A particle according to claim 1, wherein the triazole fungicide is dispersed as a concentration gradient in the polymer matrix.

48. A fungicidal composition according to claim 12, wherein the triazole fungicide is dispersed evenly throughout the polymer matrix.

49. A fungicidal composition according to claim 12, wherein the triazole fungicide is dispersed as a concentration gradient in the polymer matrix.

50. A method according to claim 36, wherein the triazole fungicide is dispersed evenly throughout the polymer matrix.

51. A method according to claim 36, wherein the triazole fungicide is dispersed as a concentration gradient in the polymer matrix.--

REMARKS

Status of the Claims:

Claims 19-35 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-18 and 36-51 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 12, and 36 have been amended. Claims 46-51 have been added.

Regarding the Amendments:

Claims 1, 12, and 36 have been amended to more clearly point out that the present invention concerns a solid particle comprising a fungicide dispersed in a polymer matrix. The amendment more clearly distinguishes the present invention from a composition comprising a fungicidal agent that is simply adhered to the surface of or that is simply in intimate contact with